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FAC Spotlight: Meet New Members of the Finance Cabinet Executive Team

Secretary William Landrum III is pleased to announce several new key members of his executive team who recently began serving in various capacities. Following are introductory bios including:

Mark Bunning, Deputy Secretary
Edwin King, Chief of Staff
Gwen Pinson, General Counsel

Judith Piazza, Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Affairs
Bess McGuire, Executive Assistant

Mark Bunning, Deputy Secretary

Dep. Sec. Bunning, brings an extensive array of private sector experience to his first state government position as deputy secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet. Governor Matt Bevin appointed him on January 4, 2016.



In collaboration with the cabinet secretary, Mr. Bunning will provide management and strategic guidance throughout the cabinet.

Prior to joining state government, Mr. Bunning held several senior financial and business management positions with both established companies and start-up technology

firms. Most recently he was the chief financial officer for Transposagen Biopharmaceuticals and Causely, an online marketing platform that distributed part of its profits to non-profit organizations.

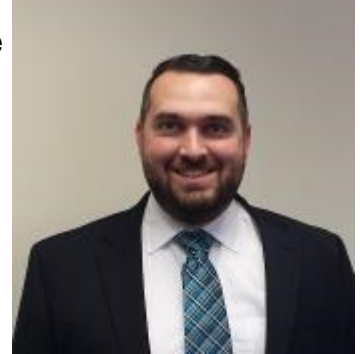
A career highlight was his role in the executive management team that led technology start-up Exstream Software from inception to revenues of more than \$85 million in eight years and acquisition by Hewlett Packard. As CFO and VP of Finance, he ensured financial reporting compliance for U.S. and international operations along with

additional responsibilities of human resources, IT, operations, and facilities management.

A native of Ft. Thomas, Kentucky, Mr. Bunning obtained both his bachelor's and MBA from the University of Kentucky. He resides in Lexington with his family.

Edwin King, Chief of Staff

Mr. Edwin King was appointed as chief of staff for the Finance and Administration Cabinet in December 2015. Prior to this position, Mr. King was the vice president of Strategic Planning at McD Concrete in Erlanger, KY. He is also an adjunct professor at Northern Kentucky University, where he has taught corporate financial management, international finance, and financial regulation courses.



Edwin previously served as the director of finance and operations for Lakeside Christian Church in Lakeside Park, KY, and was the 4th Congressional District Field Representative for United States Senator Rand Paul. From 2007 to 2010, Edwin worked for United States Senator Jim Bunning in Washington, D.C. as professional staff on the Senate Banking Committee and Senate Budget Committee, and also handled small business issues for the senator.

Upon Senator Bunning's retirement in 2010, Edwin accepted a position as a fixed income investigations analyst for the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) where he played a leading role in several large financial investigations and audits involving some of the largest financial institutions in the country.

Edwin received his graduate degree in finance from the University of Maryland and undergraduate degree in business from the Murray State University. Edwin resides in Union, KY with his wife, Brittaney, and their two children.

Gwen R. Pinson, General Counsel

Gwen R. Pinson grew up a coal miner's daughter in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky. After earning an accounting degree from Morehead State University, she attended the University of Kentucky College of Law, graduating first in her class. Following law school



Gwen practiced in the litigation departments of Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC and Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in Lexington, Kentucky and served as General Counsel of the Finance and Administration Cabinet during the second half of Governor Ernie Fletcher's term.

In 2014 Gwen left the full-time practice of law and began serving as Director of Operations for Jobs for Kentucky's Graduates, Inc. (JKG), the state affiliate of Jobs for America's Graduates, a national non-profit organization dedicated to helping underserved students overcome

Gwen R. Pinson, cont'd from Pg. 1

obstacles to graduation and career success through mentoring, tutoring, academic support, engagement with employers, and links to social services. In addition to her work with JKG, Gwen also performed contract legal work for clients of KWH Law, PLLC, a Louisville-based law firm.

Following the election of Governor Matt Bevin in November 2015, Gwen returned to state government and began serving, once again, as General Counsel of the Finance and Administration Cabinet. When not working or taking part in activities associated with her service on the boards of directors of various charitable and civic organizations, Gwen enjoys spending time with her nieces and nephews, traveling in Kentucky and abroad, reading, listening to music and attending concerts, and taking photos of family, friends and the beautiful scenery of her home state.

Bess McGuire, Executive Assistant

Bess McGuire, a native of Hindman, KY, is excited to return to state government as executive assistant to Secretary William Landrum III. She's had a varied career, primarily in the financial sector having worked in banking and accounting.



In her position just prior to returning to state government, Bess was the office manager for the law office of Stan Cave in Lexington. In 2004 she had the honor to come to Frankfort and work for then Governor Fletcher as an administrative assistant in the front office. She's worked in accounting at Ashland Oil's SuperAmerica

division and as executive assistant and project manager for Unified Trust Company.

Bess lives in Lexington. She has a son in the Air Force, stationed in Tucson, AZ, where his wife is a doctor. Her daughter lives in Glendale, CA with her husband who's in the film industry. They are the proud parents of Bess' only grandson.

Bess received her degree in Business from Midway College. While not working, some of her favorite things include entertaining family and friends in her home, cooking, baking, reading and traveling.



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Judith Piazza, Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

Judith Piazza's career has focused on legislative work at the state and federal levels. She previously worked as a policy advisor with the Office of the Kentucky Senate President where she advised majority caucus members of four Senate committees. She was also the legislative liaison for the Kentucky Cabinet for Environment and Public Protection from 2004-07.



Prior to joining state government, Judy was the governmental affairs director for the Kentucky Association of REALTORS and field assistant for U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell based out of Bowling Green.

Judy graduated with an Occupational Health and Safety degree from Western Kentucky University. She currently resides in Lexington with her two rescue greyhounds.

Time for college-bound seniors to fill out the FAFSA

High school seniors planning to attend college or technical school this fall should fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, also called the FAFSA, as soon as possible, according to KHEAA.

The information on the FAFSA determines if students qualify for federal grants and student loans. It is also required to apply for state

grants and scholarships. In addition, many colleges use the information to award their own grants and scholarships. Therefore, students should submit the FAFSA even if they feel it is unlikely they will qualify for aid.

The FAFSA asks for information about income, assets and expenses. A formula set by Congress determines eligibility for federal and state aid. If the student is considered a dependent under federal guidelines, both the student and parents must provide financial information. Nearly all students going directly to college from high school are considered dependent.

Some student aid programs have limited money and provide funds on a first-come, first-served basis, so it is important to submit the FAFSA as soon as possible.

For fastest results, KHEAA recommends that students submit the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov.

KHEAA administers the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), need-based grants and other programs to help students pay their higher education expenses.

For more useful education websites, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For information on Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.